



Moultonborough Town News

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MOULTONBOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Do you have leftover or out-of-date prescription drugs? Do you wonder about the safest way to dispose of them? Unfortunately these leftover drugs are a danger to others if used for purposes other than those they were prescribed for. More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs. Studies show that the majority of the abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

Until recently, unused and expired medications were often simply flushed down the sink or toilet. This can lead to contamination of the ground water so many of us rely on for our water supply and causes harm to aquatic life.

In September of 2010, the MPD participated in the first ever National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. This was a safe means to dispose of unneeded prescription drugs. Almost 3,000 participating law enforcement agencies across the nation collected over 121 tons of pharmaceuticals. Here, in Moultonborough, we collected 52 pounds of pills for the highest per-capita collection in the County.

This year's Take Back Day occurred in April and the Moultonborough Police Department collected over 30 pounds of prescription drugs which were turned over to the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency. Should you need to dispose of unused medications in between these periodic collections you should follow these suggestions:

- * DO NOT FLUSH unused medications and DO NOT POUR them down a sink or drain.
 - * When discarding unused medications in your trash:
 - Pour them into a sealable plastic bag. If medication is a solid (pill, liquid capsule, etc.), add water to dissolve it.
 - Add kitty litter, sawdust, coffee grounds (or any material that mixes with the medication to make it less appealing to pets and children to eat) in a bag.
 - Seal the plastic bag and put it in the trash.
 - Remove and destroy ALL personal information (prescription label) from all medication containers before recycling them or throwing them away.
- For more information go to www.smarxtdisposal.net.

VISITING NURSE SERVICES

Winter is here! With this in mind here are some basic tips to keep you and your family healthy during the season.

Get your flu shot!

- Call your doctor to schedule your flu shot
- Call your local Pharmacy to see when they are holding a clinic
- Check your local paper for area flu clinics

Use a tissue when coughing or sneezing

- Always cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands
- Wash hands often, especially when handling food, and after coughing, sneezing or using the bathroom**

- Stay home when you are feeling sick
- See your doctor for regular check-ups

Please check our web page on the Town's web site to see how we might be of service to you. You may contact us at 1.603.476.2350, by email VNS@Moultonboroughnh.gov or see us Town Hall Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



PAY YOUR REAL ESTATE TAXES ON-LINE

For your convenience you may now pay your real estate taxes online or by telephone through a third-party payment provider contracted through the Town. To pay online, go to www.moultonboroughnh.gov, click on the symbol you see above and follow the directions to enter your payment information. If you wish to pay by telephone, you may call toll free to 1.866.480.8552.

Please note there is a convenience fee charged by the service provider which is disclosed prior to submitting your payment (currently a minimum of \$2.85 up to \$100 charged, 2.85% thereafter and \$1.00 for electronic checks online). The Town does not charge nor receive any fees for this program. The Town does not receive nor store any credit card or bank information.

At this time we cannot process credit or debit cards over the counter nor are we able to accept payments over the telephone. Please call the Tax Collector's Office at 1.603.476.2347 if you have any questions.



NEW TOWN PLANNER

Our new Town Planner, Bruce W. Woodruff, began work on October 3, 2011. Here is an introduction to who he is in his own words.

"I live in Milton, NH, which is a pleasant 34 mile ride to the south on the southern edge of the Lakes Region.

I was born in Fulton, NY and attended G. Ray Bodley High School there, graduating with a Regents Diploma and a college scholarship. I was a member of the Band, Chorus, National Thespians, German Club and lettered in Football, Gymnastics and Tennis. I was a member of the Golf team and participated in the NY Section III Championship in both gymnastics and table tennis. I was a member of the Boy Scouts, attaining the rank of Life Scout. I was also a staff member at Camp 12 Pines in New York, where I served as a range instructor on the 22 caliber rifle range. I was named a member of "Who's Who in American High Schools" in 1971.

I went on to attend four years at New York State University College at Oswego, NY where I majored in German Language and Literature and minored in Astronomy. I joined the Air Force in 1976 and was trained as a Civil Engineer, a career field I have held for over 32 years as a member of the Maine Air National Guard in South Portland. I have served three tours in the Middle East and Iraq since 2001.

I am married to the former Denise Huppe of Dover, NH for more than 28 years. We have six children; Lyra Ann, Gary, Melissa, Erica, Jeffrey, and Bruce. Currently, all the children except Bruce are grown and have families of their own.

My work history has run the gamut from shoemaker (during college) to field engineer for instrumentation and controls at

three nuclear power plants to zoning administrator, assistant Town Engineer and planner in the public sector.

I have been the Chief Engineering Technician of the Engineering Office at the 509th Combat Support Group, Engineering and Design at the former Pease AFB, NH. My work for the City of Dover entailed transportation planning, site and subdivision review, project management, GIS system management, grant writing, zoning administration and managing the parking system.

I worked for the University of New Hampshire engineering office in the early 1980's. I later joined the Planning Department in 1990 after several years in Hudson, NH as the Zoning Administrator and Assistant Town Engineer. I hold a Bachelor of Science in General Studies with Honors from Franklin Pierce University with concentration in engineering and planning.

I am a Strafford Regional Planning Commission Commissioner for my hometown of Milton, and a past executive committee member of that organization. I am a former member of the Milton Planning Board.

I also served as Chair of the Town's Cost of Community Services Study Committee. Most recently, I was elected to the Town's Budget Committee.

I really believe in a team approach to our work and look forward to getting to know all the staff so I can be of real service to both my coworkers and the citizens.

I can be reached at 603-476-2347, via e-mail at bwoodruff@moultonboroughnh.gov or by stopping by the offices in Town Hall.

MOULTONBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

The library had another busy summer and fall. We had a record-breaking August with 10,613 items checked out. Our computer classes with Kyle Libby were very well attended as well as our NH Humanities Council programs that we co-sponsored with the Moultonborough Historical Society.

Our "World Religions" series of lectures by Rev. Paul O'Neil continues on Wednesday mornings in November. The Friends of the Library concluded their Fall Book Discussion on November 17th with "My Antonia" by Willa Cather. Ongoing monthly programs include: "Book Talk" on the second Thursday morning and "Evening of Poetry" on the first Tuesday evening.



On Saturday November 19th we co-sponsored a literacy program with the Central School. "Clifford, the Big Red Dog" made a special appearance at the library. Ongoing children's programs include Story Times on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings and Lego Lovers on the third Thursday afternoon of the month. There will be two Read-a-Thons for

older children in November. Our children's librarian also has plans for several special craft projects, including the very popular "Decorating Gingerbread Houses" on December 14th. On Friday, December 9th, Moultonborough's own Santa Claus will be visiting to the library to listen to children's wishes for Christmas.

The library has free or discounted passes to the Remick Museum in Tamworth, the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, the McAuliffe-Shepard Planetarium and the NH Historical Society in Concord for use year-round. Next summer we will again have passes to the Castle in the Clouds, the Libby Museum in Tuftonboro, the Science Center in Holderness, and the Canterbury Shaker Village.

Through our website www.moultonboroughlibrary.org we offer online resources including Mango (foreign language learning), Career Cruising (job searching and resume advice) and Downloadable Audio and ebooks. Please check the website for more information and our calendar of events.

REMAINING HOLIDAYS:

Thanksgiving : Thurs. 11/24/11 & Fri. 11/25/11 (Transfer Station is Open Fri. 11/25/11)
 Christmas: Sun. 12/25/11 & Mon. 12/26/11 (Transfer Station is Open Mon. 12/26/11)
 New Year's: Sun. 01/01/12 & Mon. 01/02/12 (Transfer Station is Open Mon. 01/02/12)

MOULTONBOROUGH RECREATION NEWS

The Recreation Department continues to offer high quality programs, events, & activities for Moultonborough. This past summer was another busy one. Children in the community enjoyed Hot & Happy, Happy Campers, RECKing Crew, and Teen Adventure camps, Water Carnival, Soccer Camp, and swimming & tennis lessons. Our new Children's Stage Adventures was a great success, as well. Adults also enjoyed tennis lessons & tournaments, the adult softball league, the road race, Woman of Words Creative Writing Class, Gentle Yoga, Zumba, and a wonderful trip to Cabbage Island in Maine.

At the time of writing this article, our Fall Youth Soccer & Volleyball programs are in full swing. The Community Center Drop In program is provided for grades 5 & up. Among the many activities that take place during this time, kids can also sign out to go to the library or do their homework in the "homework" room.



Our adult fitness programs continue to grow.

This past year we added Zumba to our schedule. Gentle Yoga continues to be popular as well.

We are planning a trip to the Boston Flower Show once again this March. The Operation Active Recreation club, geared to adults 55+, is hoping to meet once a month through the winter months.

We are also looking for new ideas for adult & senior trips for the upcoming year.



Youth Basketball registrations were due in the office by November 22, and we hope to have another successful year on the court. We are planning a "Skate – Escape" trip for grades 5 & up on the school district early release day, January 25. More details to come.

- For preschool age children, we are continuing our Kidzercise program on Thursdays & ArtVentures on Wednesdays. On Mondays, we have added a new program called "Play with Me." This drop-in program provides a change of scenery for children during the colder months. Parents & guardians provide the supervision, we provide the toys, equipment and space.

Other upcoming events include Winter Days, which are coordinated in conjunction with MCS and will begin in January, a Skating Party in February, and the Father/Daughter Dance in March.

We are available Monday-Thursday, with limited Friday hours at the office, by phone at 1.603.476.8868, online at www.moultonboroughnh.gov, and we are now on Facebook! Like us!



NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The 2011 statistical update of values has been completed by Vision Government Solutions (formerly Vision Appraisal Technology). The informal hearings were completed in early August; changes were made based on the hearings and the final analysis has been completed. Letters were sent to those who attended an informal hearing or any other properties where values were amended. Moultonborough's overall property values are 2% lower than last year.

The new values are available on the Town's website, moultonboroughnh.gov. Click on Departments and Boards, Assessor, and Property Values. You can find values and tax maps sorted by owner name, address or map and lot. While you are on the website look under 2011 statistical update and take advantage of "How to Read Your Property Record Card." This new feature provides a section-by-section explanation of the different areas and data listed on the property record card.

Other features listed on the website include the assessing neighborhood maps, as well as helpful forms. You will also find the Old to New Report, the sales report and information on the update process. The 2011 USPAP report will be posted on the website when completed and approved by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. In addition, our website has information on fees, credits and

exemptions, and the tax rate history. There is also a section with data from "Prior Year Updates." Additionally, under "Helpful Information," there is a link to the NH Department of Revenue Administration website, so please take advantage of the information available on our website.

While some of you took advantage of the informal hearings with Vision, please remember that the hearings are not part of the appeal process. Property owners can still take advantage of the abatement and appeal process.

You can file for an abatement after you receive your final tax bill, however, the abatement form must be postmarked or received in the Assessors Office by March 1, 2012. Information and forms are available on the website or stop by our office at Town Hall. After the abatement decision is made by the Board of Selectmen, a property owner may appeal that decision to the New Hampshire Board of Tax and Land Appeals or Superior Court on or before September 1, 2012.

Staff are here to help you should you have any questions or concerns. Remember, if you are a veteran, elderly, blind or disabled you may be eligible for a credit or exemption on your tax bill, so call or stop in to inquire. My email is gkarp@moultonboroughnh.gov or you can call 1.603.476.2347.

MOULTONBOROUGH'S DPW WRAPS UP MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS

Over the past two years several large scale projects were undertaken by Road Agent Scott Kinmond, Town DPW Director. We are nearing completion on several of them in the areas of Waste Management, Cemeteries, Highway Safety, and Federal Highway compliance.

Waste Management: In 2009, \$125,000 was appropriated to upgrade the facility and streamline our processing to gain our operational processing.

With the assistance of newly hired Facility Supervisor Scott Greenwood and his staff, we determined several areas where the operations could be modified to gain greater efficiency and improve safety. The first was streamlining the recycling of glass, plastics and metals. We added two balers for recyclables, the glass collection building and containers to collect "clean" wood and asphalt shingles demolition materials to recycle those. The reduction in demolition disposal tonnages has been quite noticeable.



Our own Scott Kinmond and Scott Greenwood (Center Left and Right) shown receiving a \$4,500 grant from Larry Melanson of NH the Beautiful and Mike Durfor, NRRA (far left and far right).

The final phase is a storage pole barn to house our baled recyclables so they can be stored until the market is right to earn us the maximum sale price. This pole barn replaces the deteriorating cargo boxes with a much more flexible and user friendly layout. The above facility operation changes have reduced the facility operating budget nearly \$100K in the past 2 years, with restructuring of the staffing, and re-negotiation of the Waste Disposal contract with it's current vender.

Cemeteries: The Road Agent who serves as the Town's Cemetery Sexton, has worked with the Town Selectmen who

serve as the Cemetery Trustees, to develop a set of rules and regulations regarding the do's & don'ts of cemeteries usages and standards. These new guidelines will assist cemetery plot owners in understanding their plot allowable usages, all while standardizing the cemetery usages town wide.

Highway Safety & Federal Highway Retro-reflectivity Compliance: In 2009 the Town embarked on a multi-phase project to bring the Town Road Signs into Federal Highway compliance as to size and retro reflectivity. The first two phases were centered on replacing our known inventory of street signs over a two year period. We replaced all street signs which intersect a Town or State Highway. This \$40,000 project involved several hundred signs, brackets and break-a-way ASHTO posts. Phase #2 was completed in late 2010.

Earlier this year Road Agent Kinmond and the Board of Selectmen agreed to work in conjunction with the NH Department of Transportation, who will utilize the NHDOT traffic engineers to review the current regulatory signage (stop signs, yield, curve, hazard warnings, and speed limit signs) to determine appropriate signage allocations, placement location and provide a recommended upgrade report in compliance with the various recommended standards. Upon receipt of this report the Town will review and provide comment and, upon agreement, the NHDOT will then install the new retro-reflective sign under a Federal grant. This final phase of the sign upgrades will be at no cost to the town at this time, but will be maintained or replaced in the future as signs become below retro reflectivity standards (7-8 years), damaged or stolen.

MILFOIL UPDATE



With the 2011 Town Meeting support we continue our milfoil control efforts. Reports are that our waters looked much better this year than they have in a long time. As one result we had a dramatic drop in "milfoil saves" by Lake Hosts. [A "save" is when milfoil is found and removed from a boat or trailer entering or exiting the lake. Almost all of our "saves" occur when boats or trailers exited the lake.] In 2010 we had 50% of all the NH milfoil "saves" and in 2011 that dropped to below 10% of 2010 with those coming later in the season as the milfoil struggled to re-establish itself.

In 2010 DES identified approximately 430 acres infested so badly it needed herbicide treatment. About 330 of those acres received that treatment. In 2011 we began the ongoing control efforts to remove and control persistent regrowth and any new growth. About 170 acres were treated this year. We also began using non-herbicide treatment methods.

Our dive teams removed approximately 11,500 gallons as

of Oct. 1st using hand-pull methods in areas where milfoil infestation persists but did not warrant herbicide treatment. This was accomplished with our new Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting units (DASH) units jointly owned by Moultonborough, Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro and independent dive teams. All was completed in a total of 90 days of underwater work.



We thank our many volunteers and others for making this program possible. If you would like to join this tremendous group of roughly 40 serious and friendly volunteers in this great way to help the Town and meet good neighbors, you may contact Peter Jensen at jensenp0220@gmail.com, (1.603.284.6425) or submit a Volunteer to Serve Your Town form available at www.moultonboroughnh.gov (click on Paid, Volunteer and Contract Opportunities).